(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.

Model Quality Control Centre

869. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IDBI has set up model quality control centres under the auspices of the Small Industries Development Fund;

(b) how many such centres were proposed initially;

(c) what was the assistance offered to the industry, associations, technical institutes or similar other organisations to set up such centres; and

(d) how many such centres have so far been set up and where they are located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It was initially envisaged that the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) would help setting up of ten model common quality testing centres at different locations in the country where there were clusters of Small Scale Industries and the available facilities for quality testing were considered inadequate. While resources support by way of grant/soft term loans is made by IDBI for covering the cost of equipments and gadgets the sponsors are expected to provide land and building for housing the centres apart from taking the responsibility for running the centres. Already assistance of Rs. 1.8 crores is reported to have been sanctioned by the IDBI to 5 such centres namely one each at Coimbatore (Tamilnadu), Cochin (Kerala), Dhanbad (Bihar), Bhubaneshwar (Orissa) and Howrah (West Bengal).

Loan melas

870. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of loan melas which were organised in various parts of the country during the year 1987;

(b) what was the total amount distributed at these melas; and

(c) what is the number of beneficiaries who got loans at these melas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The present data reporting system of Reserve Bank of India does not yield information in the manner asked for, since central monitoring of credit camps is neither considered feasible not necessary. However, total outstanding advances of Public Sector Banks to Weaker Sections of society increased from Rs. 5382 crores as at the end of June 1986 to Rs. 6506 crores by the end of September 1987.

Scheme for self employment for educated youth

871. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a review conducted by the Indian Overseas Bank, according to which the Self-Employment Scheme for educated youth requires overhauling;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that Indian Overseas Bank conducted an evaluation study in Tiruchirapalli and Tirunelveli districts of Tamil Nadu in respect of assistance provided under the Self-Employment Programme for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) during 1983-84 and 1984-85. The main suggestions made in the study relate to the raising of the minimum age limit, provision of additional finance, imparting of training to the beneficiaries to develop entrepreneurship etc.

(c) In order to have evaluation of SEEUY in various parts of the country, action has been initiated to conduct evaluation studies on a regular basis in all the States$Union Territories. Such evaluation studies are already in progress in 11 States. Any modification in the SEEUY Scheme, if necessary, will be done on the basis of the findings of such studies.

Rebate on loan for export sales

872. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of rebate on interest payment on loans taken for export sales is still in operation;

(b) what are the terms for rebate; and

(c) whether hundred per cent export-oriented units are entitled to this rebate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) All India term lending Financial Institutions namely the IDBI, IFCI & ICICI have been operating a scheme effective from December 1986 under which any assisted unit which can achieve export sales of 25 per cent or above in relation to its total sales of own manufactured goods in a year would be entitled for an interest rebate to the extent of 1/5th of its interest payments on rupee loans provided by he institutions. Such interest rebate is, however, subject to the floor interest rate of 10 per cent per annum on the relative loans. The Scheme is also applicable to 100 per cent export oriented units.

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873. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :**
श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि "क" और "ख" क्षेत्रों में राजभाषा अधिनियम की पूर्णत: अवहेलना करते हुए रोमन लिपि के कम्प्यूटरों, टेलेक्स और मशीनों और टेलीप्रिंटरों जैसे दर्जनों आधुनिक यंत्रों के आगमन और अबाधित प्रयोग के फलस्वरूप हिन्दी के प्रसार का कार्य वर्षों पीछे पड़ गया है जहां और भी टेलेक्स मशीनें लगायी गई हैं वहां से एक भी तार हिन्दी में नहीं भेजा गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि "क" क्षेत्रों में अंग्रेजी के टंकन यंत्रों आदि की तुलना में देवनागरी के टंकन यंत्रों, टंककों और आशुलिपिकों की संख्या नहीं के बराबर है जबकि उनकी संख्या 50 : 50 होनी चाहिए थी ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और हिन्दी भाषा के प्रसार के लिए क्या नए कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता :